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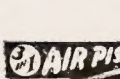

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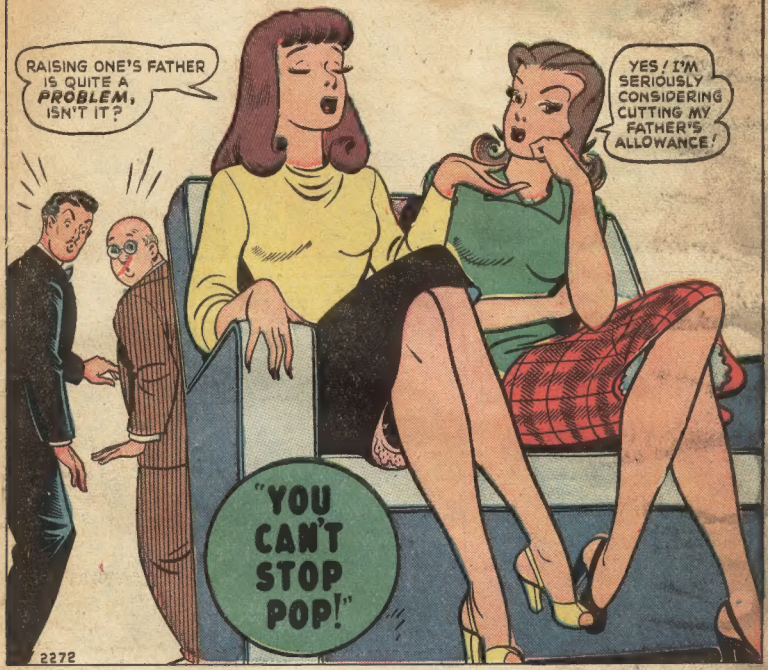
RAISING ONE'S FATHER IS QUITE A PROBLEM, ISN'T IT?
YES! I'M SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING CUTTING MY FATHER'S ALLOWANCE!
"YOU CAN'T STOP POP!"
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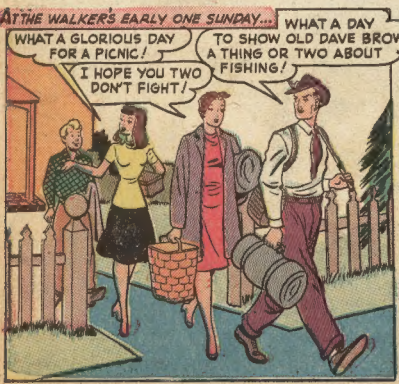
AT THE WALKER'S EARLY ONE SUNDAY...
WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY FOR A PICNIC!
I HOPE YOU TWO DON'T FIGHT!
WHAT A DAY TO SHOW OLD DAVE BROWN A THING OR TWO ABOUT FISHING!

AND AT THE BROWN'S...
DO YOU THINK WE'LL BE ABLE TO BRING BACK A DECENT SIZE FISH FOR THE BUFFET SUPPER AT THE MEN'S CLUB TONIGHT?
THINK? WHY, WITH ME AT THE ROD, IT'S IN THE BAG! I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE STAN WALKER'S FACE!
1

AT THE PICNIC SPOT...
ENJOY YOURSELF, DEAR! WE'LL GET EVERYTHING READY FOR LUNCH!
I'M READY RIGHT NOW!
MICKEY WALKER, YOU JUST GO ABOUT GATHERING WOOD AND DON'T TRY TO SPOIL THIS PERFECT DAY!
GATHER PLENTY, MICKEY! I'LL BRING BACK ENOUGH FISH FOR THIS AFTERNOON AND TONIGHT!
THAT IS, IF I LEAVE ANY FOR YOU!
OH, ANN, YOU DON'T THINK THEY'LL...
NOT TODAY THEY WON'T! I GAVE DAVE A GOOD LECTURE LAST NIGHT!
WELL, GO AHEAD, BROWN! I'LL EVEN GIVE YOU A HANDICAP!
THAT'S JUST WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY TO YOU, OLD MAN!
YOU'D BETTER BOTH CAST AT THE SAME TIME OR WE'LL BE HERE FOREVER! I'LL COUNT--ONE... TWO...
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF I GOT SOMETHING...
I WOULD!
SPLASH!
THREE!
IT MUST BE A BIG ONE!
SAY, I HAVE SOMETHING TOO!
2

GOT IT!
ME, TOO!
HA, HA, HA! JUST THOUGHT I'D PUT ONE OVER ON YOU, OLD BOY!
HO, HO! AS IF I DIDN'T KNOW!
A COUPLE OF HOURS LATER...
I KNOW THE MEN DON'T LIKE TO BE DISTURBED, BUT IT'S ABOUT TIME WE ATE! SUPPOSE YOU GIRLS CALL THEM!
THEY GET SO WRAPPED UP IN THEIR FISHING! I'M SURE THEY'VE CAUGHT ENOUGH ALREADY!
GRRR-ACIOUS!
LOOKS LIKE THEY'VE BEEN DREDGING, NOT FISHING!
SHHH, YOU TWO, I'LL LOSE IT!
HE MEANS I WILL...
LOOK, WHAT YOU'VE DONE, BROWN! MY LINE IS ALL TANGLED!
WHAT I'VE DONE? JUST LOOK AT MY LINE!
THOUGHT YOU'D TRY TO SCARE AWAY MY CATCH! HMPPH!
YOUR CATCH? I'LL GET THIS FISH IF IT'S THE LAST THING I DO!
3

COME ON, FATHER!
PULL, DAD!
CAREFUL, STANLEY!
SPLASH!
WELL, WALKER, WHAT DO YOU SAY TO THIS?
YOU OLD PIRATE! ARE YOU INSINUATING THAT YOU CAUGHT THIS FISH?
OF ALL THE... OF COURSE, I CAUGHT IT!
MY OPINION OF YOU WAS NEVER TUO FLATTERING, BROWN, BUT THIS BEATS ALL!
STANLEY, THIS IS RIDICULOUS! YOU BOTH CAUGHT IT!
TO THINK MY OWN WIFE WOULD TURN TRAITOR!
DAVE! I THOUGHT THERE WERE TO BE NO ARGUMENTS TODAY! IT'S PERFECTLY OBVIOUS YOU BOTH CAUGHT THE FISH!
MAYBE WE OUGHT TO ASK THE FISH TO SETTLE THIS!
MICKEY! THIS IS NO TIME TO BE FUNNY!
JIM YOUNG, CHAIRMAN OF THE MEN'S CLUB, WILL SETTLE THE MATTER TONIGHT!
THAT SUITS ME FINE!
BUT WHAT ABOUT THE PICNIC?
4

LATER... A FEW MINUTES BEFORE THE PARTY...
OH, NANCY DEAR, I SIMPLY HAD TO SEE YOU WITHOUT OUR FOLKS AROUND!
ME, TOO! I SNEAKED OUT OF THE HOUSE LIKE A CRIMINAL! WHAT'LL WE DO?
I THOUGHT IF WE COULD STAGE A SILLY ARGUMENT, IT MIGHT SHOW OUR HEADSTRONG FATHERS HOW SILLY THEY'VE BEEN!
THAT'S AN ELEGANT IDEA! WE'LL PUT ON OUR ACT BEFORE THE WHOLE BUNCH OF THEM!
Men's Club
WHILE AT THE WALKERS'...
...AND I THOUGHT YOU WERE A BIG PERSON, STANLEY! I'D EXPECT YOU TO BOW OUT GRACEFULLY AND GIVE DAVE THE FISH!
MAYBE YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING...
AND AT THE BROWNS'...
AFTER ALL, WE'VE ALL BEEN FRIENDS FOR MANY YEARS! YOU'RE TOO FINE A PERSON TO LET AN OLD FISH START TROUBLE!
AT THE MEN'S CLUB BUFFET...
THAT'S QUITE A FISH! WHO CAUGHT IT, JIM?
DAVE BROWN OR STAN WALKER! I HAVE TO BE KING SOLOMON TONIGHT! HERE COME THE BROWNS AND THE WALKERS!
GET READY, NANCY!
LET GO, IT'S MINE!
STANLEY, LOOK! IT'S PATSY!
OH, YEAH!
DO SOMETHING, DAVE!
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PATSY, I WANT YOU TO BEHAVE LIKE A LADY!
NANCY! YOU'RE DISGRACING US!
BUT, FATHER! I HAD IT FIRST!
SHE DID NOT! ...I DID!
HMMPH- SILLY KIDS!
SHOW NANCY HOW STUPID THIS ALL IS! LET HER HAVE THE DISH!
IF I WERE YOU, NANCY, I WOULDN'T LET A THING LIKE THIS CREATE AN ARGUMENT BETWEEN GOOD FRIENDS!
BUT YOU DID!
BOTH OF YOU!
WELL...ER...
BUT...
AS A MATTER OF FACT, I WAS ABOUT TO RELINQUISH FULL CLAIM TO THE FISH! HE CAUGHT IT!
WHAT?
I DID NOT! IT'S YOURS!
BUT YOU CAUGHT IT! I DIDN'T!
YOU CERTAINLY DID! IT'S YOUR CATCH!
SEE HERE, WALKER! IF YOU'RE TRYING TO SHOW ME UP AND MAKE YOURSELF APPEAR MAGNANIMOUS, I'LL STOP YOU IN YOUR TRACKS!
6

GATHER AROUND, EVERYONE! I HAVE AN ANNOUNCEMENT TO MAKE!
HE HAS NOT, I HAVE!

SEE THIS FINE SPECIMEN OF A FISH? IT WAS CAUGHT BY NONE OTHER THAN...
OH, NO YOU DON'T, WALKER! IT WAS CAUGHT BY...

OUT OF MY WAY, WORM! I'LL MAKE THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IN SPITE OF YOU!
WORM, AM I? OF ALL THE LOW INSECTS...

OH, NANCY... I BELIEVE WE'VE MADE THINGS WORSE!
I'M AFRAID YOU'RE RIGHT! THEY'RE READY TO STRIKE BLOWS!

BZZZZZZZZZ-BZZZZZZZZZ WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK, NANCY?
HEAVENS! BUT THAT'S MARVELOUS! THAT WOULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM COMPLETELY!

PUFF, PUFF! CAN YOU DO THIS IMMEDIATELY, PLEASE? IT'S A RUSH!
OH, PLEASE HURRY!
WELL, NOW, IT'LL TAKE ME A LITTLE TIME, BUT I'LL HUSTLE!

15 MINUTES LATER...
GOODNESS, THAT WAS SWELL! THANKS SO MUCH!
YOU'VE SAVED THE DAY FOR US!

AND AT PATSY'S HOUSE...
WE'LL HAVE TO WORK FAST! HAND ME THE HAMMER!
YOU'LL HAVE TO COME OVER TO MY HOUSE, TOO!
MEANWHILE AT THE CLUB...
HELLO!
WELL, OF COURSE, DEAR, WE'LL BE RIGHT HOME!
WAS THAT PATSY? SOMETHING WRONG?
BZZZZZ... BZZZZZ...
WHAT A SURPRISE THIS WILL BE!
?
COME, DEAR! WE HAVE TO GO HOME AT ONCE! NANCY NEEDS US!
SEE HERE, BROWN, WE'LL SETTLE THIS MATTER LATER... HAVE TO ATTEND TO SOME HOME MATTERS FIRST!
THAT'S FINE BY ME, I'LL COME BACK TO THE CLUB IN A HALF HOUR!
LATER AT THE WALKER HOME...
EUREKA! WAIT'LL BROWN GETS A LOAD OF THAT!
I DON'T THINK HE'LL MIND!
AND AT THE BROWNS'...
HO-HO! WALKER WILL TURN LIVID WHEN HE SEES THE MOUNT JOB OF THE FISH I CAUGHT!
I DON'T THINK SO!
CUTTING THE FISH DOWN THE MIDDLE WORKED BEAUTIFULLY!
WELL, I GUESS THAT SETTLES THAT! THAT WAS A WONDERFUL INSPIRATION YOU HAD, PATSY!
SAY, NANCY! WHAT'LL EVER HAPPEN IF YOUR DAD VISITS OUR HOUSE AND MY DAD VISITS YOURS... AND THEY BOTH---UH---UH---
OMIGOSH! HERE WE GO AGAIN!
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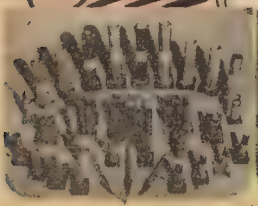

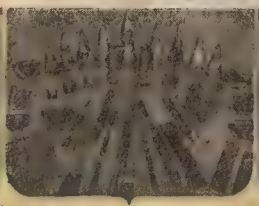

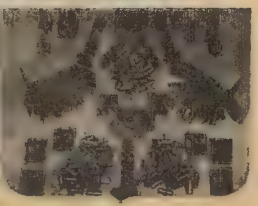

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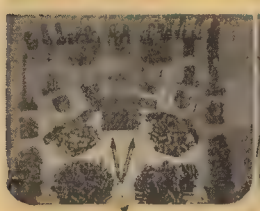

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WASN'T THE PICTURE JUST PERISHINGLY ROMANTIC?
I LOVED IT! DIDN'T YOU, SKEET?
THE GIRL WAS A REAL CHICKEROO! SHE KNEW HOW TO KEEP 'EM GUESSING!
COSMIC ATTRACTIONS
THERE'S THE JALOP! WHO DO WE TAKE HOME FIRST?
NANCY IS SLEEPING AT MY HOUSE!
GREAT! SAVES ME THE TROUBLE OF TAKING NANCY HOME!
WELL!
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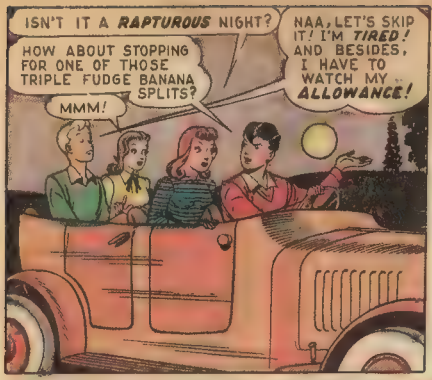
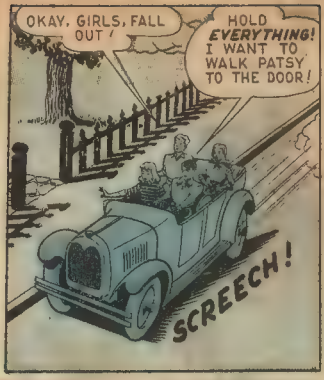
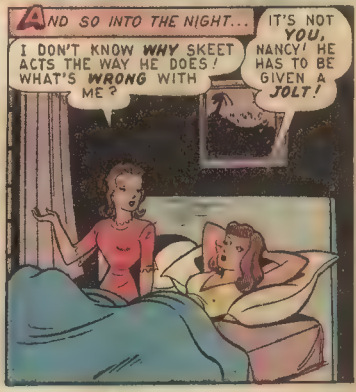

ISN'T IT A RAPTUROUS NIGHT?
HOW ABOUT STOPPING FOR ONE OF THOSE TRIPLE FUDGE BANANA SPLITS?
MMM!
NAA, LET'S SKIP IT! I'M TIRED! AND BESIDES, I HAVE TO WATCH MY ALLOWANCE!


OKAY, GIRLS, FALL OUT!
HOLD EVERYTHING! I WANT TO WALK PATSY TO THE DOOR!
SCREECH!

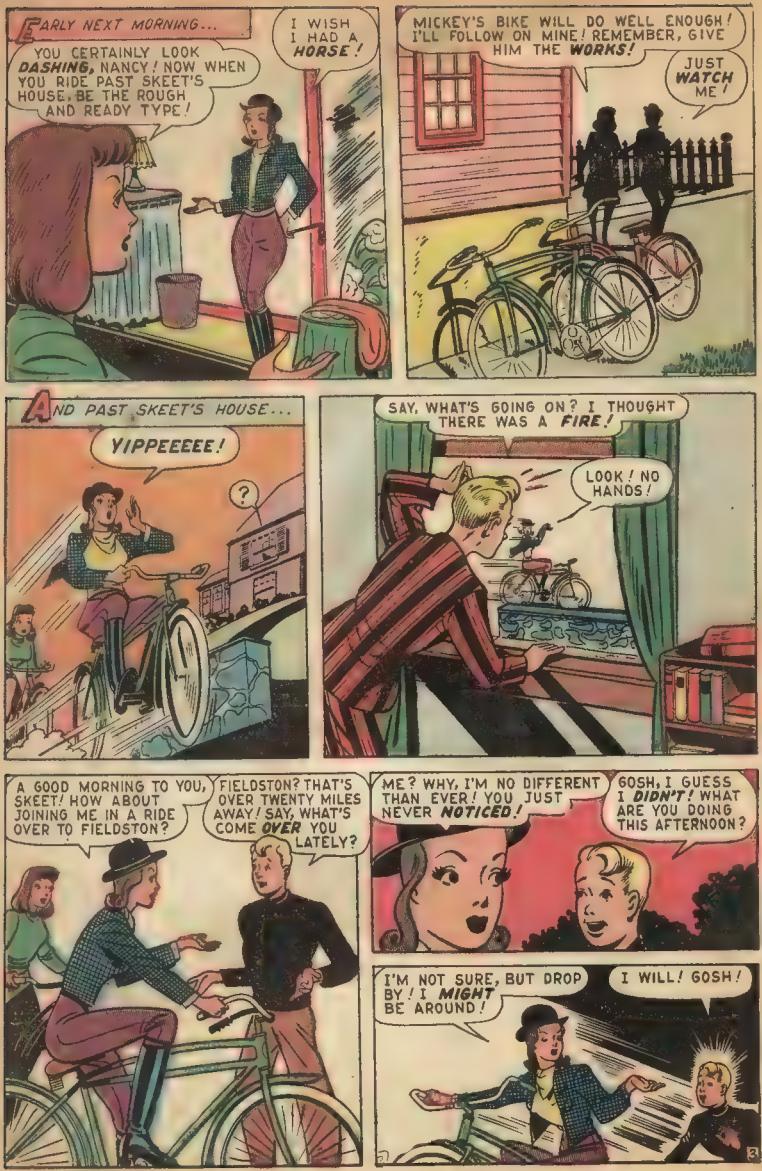
SO IT'S A DATE FOR JACK'S PARTY TOMORROW NIGHT?
SURE!
GOOD NIGHT!
GOOD NIGHT!


AND SO INTO THE NIGHT...
I DON'T KNOW WHY SKEET ACTS THE WAY HE DOES! WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
IT'S NOT YOU, NANCY! HE HAS TO BE GIVEN A JOLT!

BUT HOW? I WISH I DIDN'T LIKE HIM! HE ALWAYS ACTS AS IF I'M NOT THERE!
WE'VE GOT TO THINK OF SOMETHING!

I KNOW! YOU'LL CHANGE YOUR PERSONALITY! YOU'LL KEEP HIM GUESSING!
OH, MY!

YOU'LL START IN BRIGHT AND EARLY TOMORROW BY BECOMING THE OUTDOOR GIRL TYPE! WE'LL JOLT SKEET OUT OF IT ALL RIGHT!
THE VERY THOUGHT OF IT ALL JOLTS ME!


EARLY NEXT MORNING...
YOU CERTAINLY LOOK DASHING, NANCY! NOW WHEN YOU RIDE PAST SKEET'S HOUSE, BE THE ROUGH AND READY TYPE!
I WISH I HAD A HORSE!
MICKEY'S BIKE WILL DO WELL ENOUGH! I'LL FOLLOW ON MINE! REMEMBER, GIVE HIM THE WORKS!
JUST WATCH ME!
AND PAST SKEET'S HOUSE...
YIPPEEEEE!
?
SAY, WHAT'S GOING ON? I THOUGHT THERE WAS A FIRE!
LOOK! NO HANDS!
A GOOD MORNING TO YOU, SKEET! HOW ABOUT JOINING ME IN A RIDE OVER TO FIELDSTON?
FIELDSTON? THAT'S OVER TWENTY MILES AWAY! SAY, WHAT'S COME OVER YOU LATELY?
ME? WHY, I'M NO DIFFERENT THAN EVER! YOU JUST NEVER NOTICED!
GOSH, I GUESS I DIDN'T! WHAT ARE YOU DOING THIS AFTERNOON?
I'M NOT SURE, BUT DROP BY! I MIGHT BE AROUND!
I WILL! GOSH!
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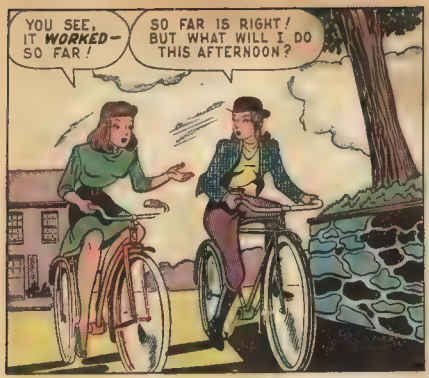
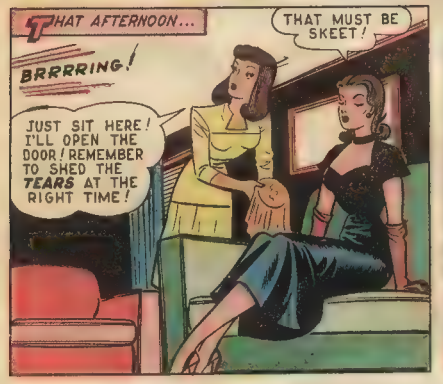
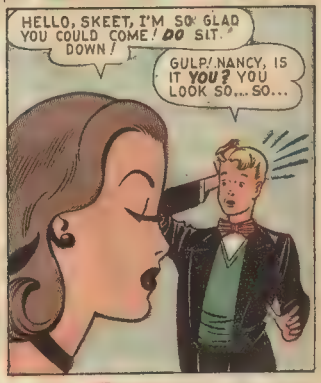
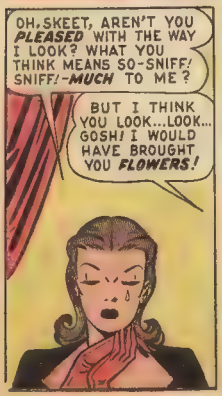

YOU SEE, IT WORKED— SO FAR!
SO FAR IS RIGHT! BUT WHAT WILL I DO THIS AFTERNOON?

THIS AFTERNOON YOU'LL BE THE DEMURE, SWEET, CLINGING VINE TYPE!
I WILL?


THAT AFTERNOON...
BRRRRING!
THAT MUST BE SKEET!
JUST SIT HERE! I'LL OPEN THE DOOR! REMEMBER TO SHED THE TEARS AT THE RIGHT TIME!


HELLO, SKEET, I'M SO GLAD YOU COULD COME! DO SIT DOWN!
GULP! NANCY, IS IT YOU? YOU LOOK SO... SO...


OH, SKEET, AREN'T YOU PLEASED WITH THE WAY I LOOK? WHAT YOU THINK MEANS SO-SNIFF! SNIFF!-MUCH TO ME?
BUT I THINK YOU LOOK... LOOK... GOSH! I WOULD HAVE BROUGHT YOU FLOWERS!

OH, SKEET! YOU ARE SO THOUGHTFUL!
NANCY, WILL YOU COME TO JACK'S PARTY WITH ME TONIGHT?

LATER...
I MADE IT! SKEET KEPT LOOKING AT ME WITH THE MOST MOONY EXPRESSION! BUT WHAT ABOUT TONIGHT?
I THOUGHT YOU'D CLINCH IT! AFTER OOZING SWEETNESS ALL AFTERNOON, TONIGHT YOU'LL TURN GLAMOUR GIRL!
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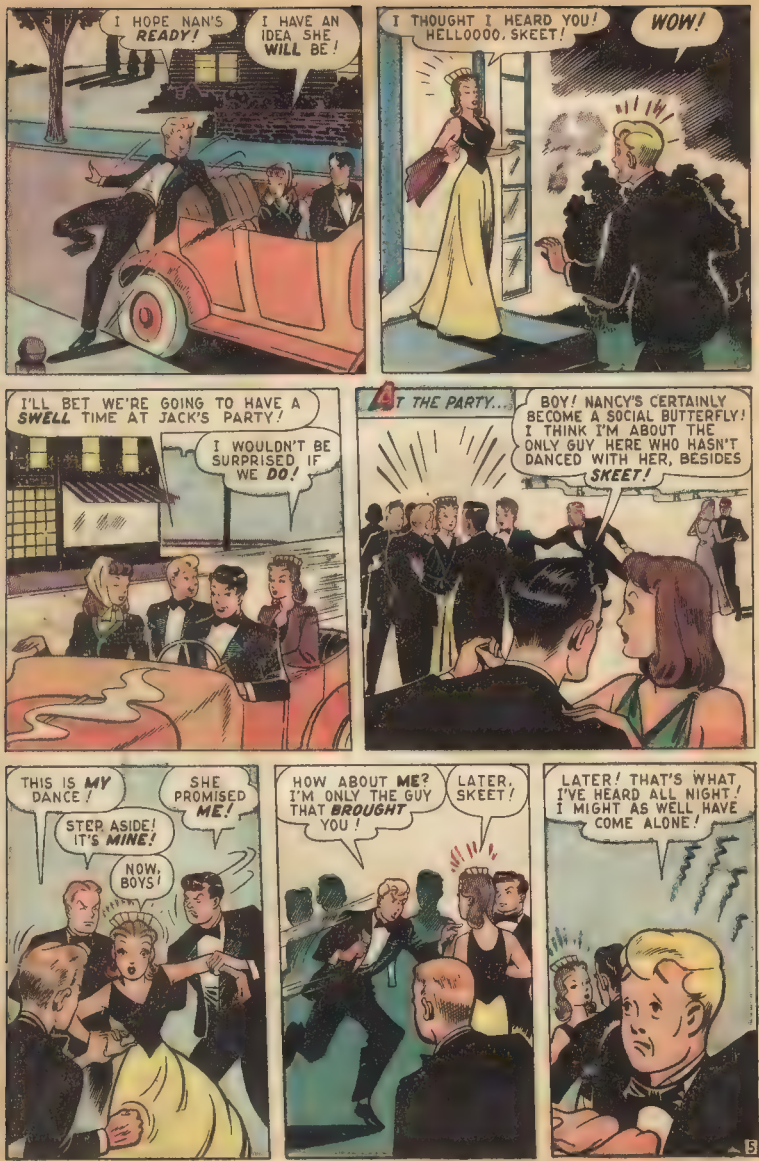
I HOPE NAN'S READY!
I HAVE AN IDEA SHE WILL BE!
I THOUGHT I HEARD YOU! HELLOOOO, SKEET!
WOW!
I'LL BET WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A SWELL TIME AT JACK'S PARTY!
I WOULDN'T BE SURPRISED IF WE DO!
AT THE PARTY...
BOY! NANCY'S CERTAINLY BECOME A SOCIAL BUTTERFLY! I THINK I'M ABOUT THE ONLY GUY HERE WHO HASN'T DANCED WITH HER, BESIDES SKEET!
THIS IS MY DANCE!
SHE PROMISED ME!
STEP ASIDE! IT'S MINE!
NOW, BOYS!
HOW ABOUT ME? I'M ONLY THE GUY THAT BROUGHT YOU!
LATER, SKEET!
LATER! THAT'S WHAT I'VE HEARD ALL NIGHT! I MIGHT AS WELL HAVE COME ALONE!
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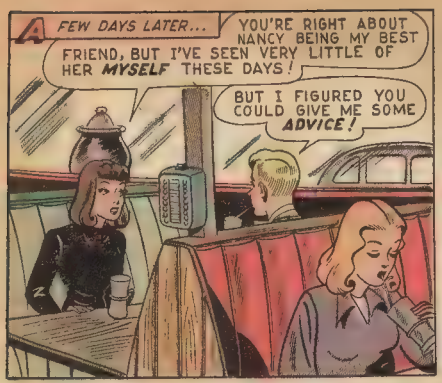
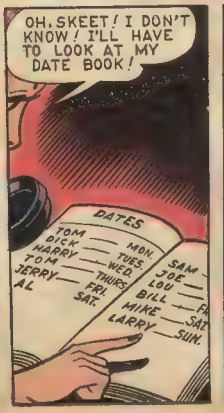

A FEW DAYS LATER...
YOU'RE RIGHT ABOUT NANCY BEING MY BEST FRIEND, BUT I'VE SEEN VERY LITTLE OF HER MYSELF THESE DAYS!
BUT I FIGURED YOU COULD GIVE ME SOME ADVICE!

MY ONLY ADVICE IS— BE PERSISTENT!
THANKS, PATSY! I'LL TRY!

SKEET PERSISTS...
WHAT AN OPPORTUNITY! HI, NANCY!
SKEET!

ON YOUR WAY, CHUM! THIS IS MY DATE!
HUH?
I'M SORRY, SKEET! CALL ME SOME TIME!

THAT NIGHT...
IT'S BEEN WONDERFUL, PATSY! AND I HAVE YOU TO THANK FOR EVERYTHING!
GOLL-EE! THAT PHONE HASN'T STOPPED RINGING!
R-R-RING!


OH, SKEET! I DON'T KNOW! I'LL HAVE TO LOOK AT MY DATE BOOK!
DATES
TOM — MON.
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HARRY — WED.
TOM — THURS.
JERRY — FRI.
AL — SAT.
SAM — SUN.
JOE
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BILL
MIKE
LARRY

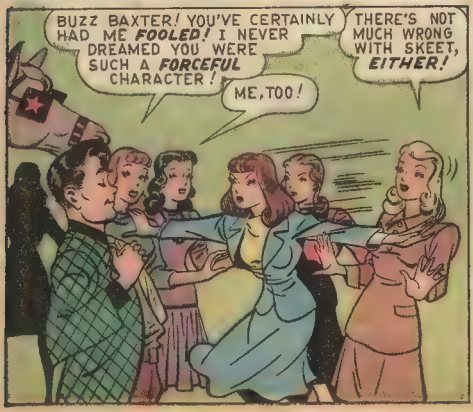
I-I-I SEEM TO BE ALL BOOKED UP!
SEEM TO BE? THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! I THINK I'LL TRY CHANGING MY PERSONALITY!

SOOOOOOOO...
LET ME PASS, DREAM BOY!
NOT YOU, TOO!
CIGARS

ARE WE MICE OR MEN? ARE WE GOING TO STAND BY AND LET THIS HAPPEN?
IT LOOKS THAT WAY!

WELL, WE'RE NOT GOING TO! WE'RE GOING TO DO SOME PERSONALITY CHANGING OURSELVES!
WE ARE?

THEY DO...
OUT OF MY WAY, WOMEN!
THAT GOES DOUBLE FOR ME!
OHHHH!
AHHHH!


BUZZ BAXTER! YOU'VE CERTAINLY HAD ME FOOLED! I NEVER DREAMED YOU WERE SUCH A FORCEFUL CHARACTER!
THERE'S NOT MUCH WRONG WITH SKEET, EITHER!
ME, TOO!

SO, BACK TO NORMAL...
THIS MAY BE DULLER, BUT IT'S EVER SO MUCH LESS EXHAUSTING!
FOR WHOM?
WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW!
HO HUM! HOW PROSAIC!
THE END

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By KENT B. STILES

In these columns recently we discussed the 1948 stamp-issuing program of the Post Office Department. We mentioned the Carver, California Gold Centennial, Francis Scott Key, Gold Star Mothers and Wisconsin Statehood Centenary stamps as either already issued or definitely coming, and we concluded: "Undoubtedly other stamps will be issued during 1948."

By the time that summary and prediction got into print in this magazine Uncle Sam's postal chief at Washington had made available other interesting news.

One of these news morsels as announced by Postmaster General Jesse M. Donaldson was that a 3-cent maroon stamp would appear on April 7 to mark the 150th anniversary of the organizing of Mississippi Territory, in 1798. Most of you collectors have likely obtained this sesquicentennial commemorative by now. It bears a map of the Territory and a portrait of Winthrop Sargent (1753-1820), who in 1798-1801 was the Territory's first Governor. Soldier, surveyor, Indian fighter and writer, Sargent is a newcomer to philately's gallery.

Mr. Donaldson promised three other stamps this year in honor of men not hitherto postally remembered.

One of these stamps will bear a likeness of Joel Chandler Harris (1848-1908), creator of the fictional and immortal "Uncle Remus" character of the South. It was on Dec. 9, 1848, that the Georgia journalist and poet was born, and the stamp is scheduled for release on this coming Dec. 9, this making it a centenary item.

The second of the three will present a portrait of Will Rogers (1879-1935), the humorist, political commentator, writer and actor who was killed in an airplane crash in Alaska.

The third will pay tribute to four Army Chaplains who perished heroically when the transport Dorchester was torpedoed in the North Atlantic in February of 1943. They were the Rev. George L. Fox, a Methodist; Alexander Goode, a Jewish rabbi; the Rev. Clark V. Poling, a Baptist; the Rev. John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic. The four surrendered their life jackets to soldiers and were seen standing on deck, with arms locked, and praying, when the ship went down.

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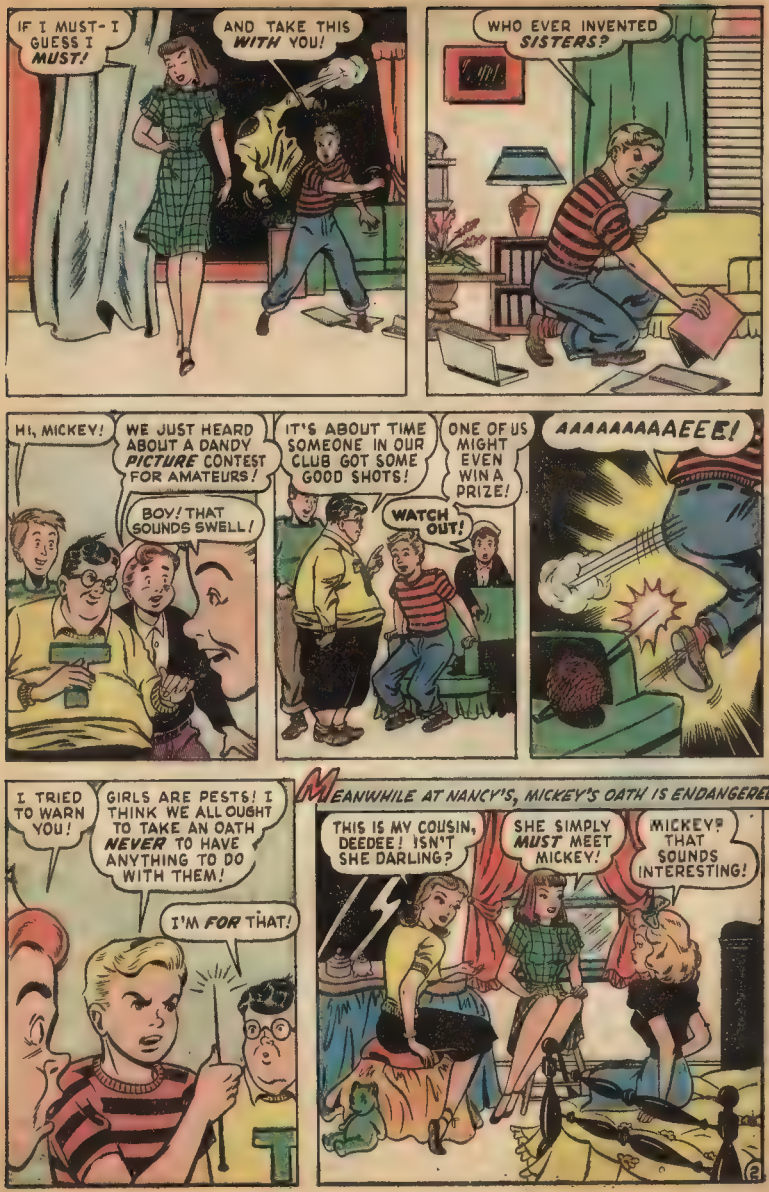
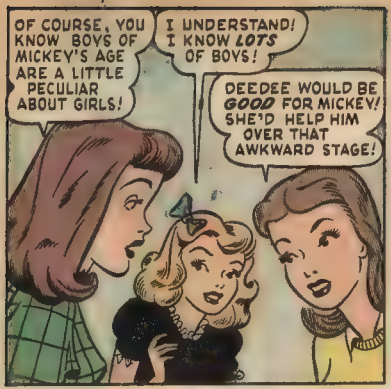
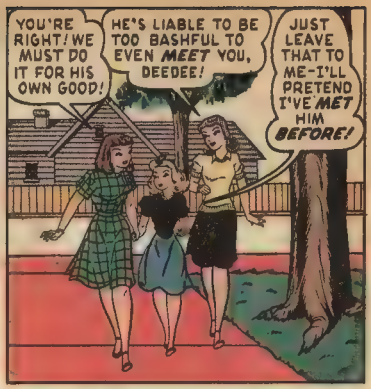
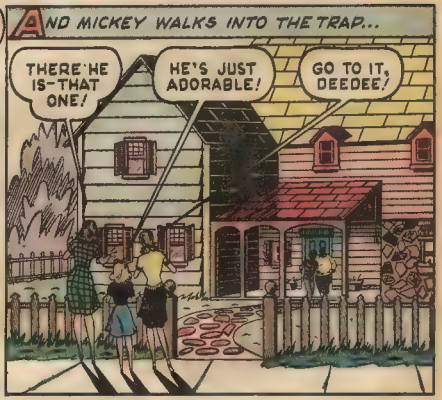
PATSY WALKER
HAS MICKEY GOT THE MEASLES OR SOMETHING?
WORSE THAN THAT-HIS FRIENDS CAUGHT HIM TALKING TO A GIRL!
GLOOM!
"MICKEY'S TRAGIC TALE!"
2308
IS IT OKAY FOR MY CAMERA CLUB TO MEET HERE TODAY, MOM?
YES, MICKEY, GO RIGHT AHEAD!
SCRAM, SISTER PATSY! THE FELLAS ARE COMING AND WE DON'T LIKE GIRLS AROUND!
HOW TOO UNFORTUNATE!
JUNIOR MISS


IF I MUST- I GUESS I MUST!
AND TAKE THIS WITH YOU!
WHO EVER INVENTED SISTERS?
HI, MICKEY!
WE JUST HEARD ABOUT A DANDY PICTURE CONTEST FOR AMATEURS!
BOY! THAT SOUNDS SWELL!
IT'S ABOUT TIME SOMEONE IN OUR CLUB GOT SOME GOOD SHOTS!
ONE OF US MIGHT EVEN WIN A PRIZE!
WATCH OUT!
AAAAAAAAEEE!
I TRIED TO WARN YOU!
GIRLS ARE PESTS! I THINK WE ALL OUGHT TO TAKE AN OATH NEVER TO HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THEM!
I'M FOR THAT!
MEANWHILE AT NANCY'S, MICKEY'S OATH IS ENDANGERED!
THIS IS MY COUSIN, DEEDEE! ISN'T SHE DARLING?
SHE SIMPLY MUST MEET MICKEY!
MICKEY? THAT SOUNDS INTERESTING!


OF COURSE, YOU KNOW BOYS OF MICKEY'S AGE ARE A LITTLE PECULIAR ABOUT GIRLS!
I UNDERSTAND! I KNOW LOTS OF BOYS!
DEEDEE WOULD BE GOOD FOR MICKEY! SHE'D HELP HIM OVER THAT AWKWARD STAGE!

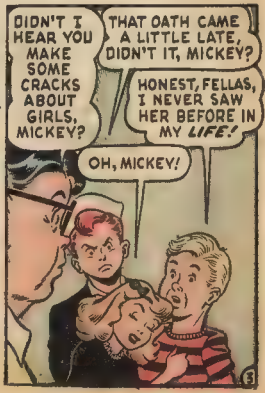

YOU'RE RIGHT! WE MUST DO IT FOR HIS OWN GOOD!
HE'S LIABLE TO BE TOO BASHFUL TO EVEN MEET YOU, DEEDEE!
JUST LEAVE THAT TO ME-I'LL PRETEND I'VE MET HIM BEFORE!

I HAVE A FEELING MICKEY IS GOING TO BE IN GOOD HANDS!
DEEDEE IS WISE BEYOND HER YEARS! I OUGHT TO TAKE LESSONS FROM HER MYSELF!


AND MICKEY WALKS INTO THE TRAP...
THERE HE IS-THAT ONE!
HE'S JUST ADORABLE!
GO TO IT, DEEDEE!

MICKEY! MICKEY WALKER! IT'S BEEN AGES SINCE I'VE SEEN YOU!
HUH?

MICKEY, HONEY, DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME? YOU'RE ACTING KIND OF FUNNY!
SAY! WHAT IS THIS?


DIDN'T I HEAR YOU MAKE SOME CRACKS ABOUT GIRLS, MICKEY?
THAT OATH CAME A LITTLE LATE, DIDN'T IT, MICKEY?
HONEST, FELLAS, I NEVER SAW HER BEFORE IN MY LIFE!
OH, MICKEY!

LATER...
YOU CAN PROVE TO HIM THAT GIRLS WON'T BITE, IF YOU PERSIST!
I DON'T KNOW! HE WAS VERY DISCOURAGING!
VERY WELL! I'LL PERSIST!
I CAN ALMOST GUARANTEE YOUR SUCCESS!
JUST KEEP HER POSTED OF MICKEY'S WHEREABOUTS!
WHEN DEEDEE PERSISTS, SHE PERSISTS!
YOOHOO, MICKEY!
HUH?
AND LATER AT THE ICE CREAM PARLOR...
HI!
GULP!
AND STILL LATER AT THE SKATING RINK...
HI, MICKEY! IT'S ME!
OH, NO!
OOP!
AND AFTER A FEW DAYS, MICKEY COMES TO PATSY FOR ADVICE...
AND I TELL YOU, THIS PERSON IS HAUNTING ME! WHAT SHALL I DO?
THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO COPE WITH THIS SITUATION — YOU MUST MAKE A DATE WITH HER!
WHAT? OH, NO!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY!
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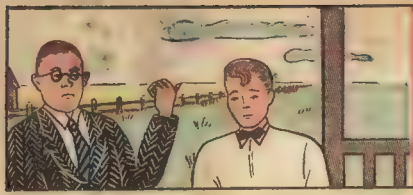
NEXT DAY...
IT'S AWFULLY NICE OF YOU TO LET ME TAG ALONG, MICKEY!
I'M NOT LETTING YOU! DON'T GET THE WRONG IMPRESSION! I THINK I FORGOT TO TELL YOU I'M GOING TO BE BUSY TAKING PICTURES! SO IF YOU WANT TO GO...
PICTURES? HOW SWEET OF YOU! I JUST ADORE HAVING MY PICTURE TAKEN!
OH, NO! THAT WOULD REALLY FIX ME WITH THE FELLOWS!
LOOK AT THAT UNUSUAL OLD TREE!
SAY, THAT IS SOMETHING!
GET OUT OF THE WAY! DO YOU WANT TO SPOIL THE PICTURE?
WELL! YOU WERE CERTAINLY RUDE!
YOU GOT IN FRONT OF THE TREE AND SPOILED IT! GO AWAY!
THAT GIRL, MICKEY! DID YOU HAVE A DATE WITH HER?
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? I'VE BEEN WORKING!
OUT IN THE PARK WITH A GIRL, HUH?
YEAH, WORKING! I'LL BET!
HONEST! I WAS ONLY TAKING A PICTURE OF THAT OLD TREE FOR THE CONTEST!
WE'LL SEE WHEN YOUR PICTURES ARE DEVELOPED!
6

A COUPLE OF DAYS LATER...
SO NOW, WHEN THE PICTURES ARE DEVELOPED, THEY'LL SEE DEEDEE IN ONE! I'LL BE AN OUTCAST!
I THINK YOU'RE VERY SILLY! WOULDN'T YOU RATHER HAVE ONE NICE GIRL AROUND THAN THOSE FOOLISH BOYS?
NO! PHOOEY ON WOMEN!
YOU WON'T ALWAYS FEEL THIS WAY!
FOR HIS OWN GOOD, DEEDEE, KEEP UP YOUR CAMPAIGN!
I WILL! HE HAS TO GROW UP SOME TIME!
MEANWHILE...
I CAN'T WAIT TO SEE THEM!
SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU FELLOWS HAVE NO FAITH IN ME!
SOMETHING TELLS ME YOU WISH WE WEREN'T HERE!
SEE? IT'S THE TREE! ONLY MY HAND GOT IN THE WAY!
THANK GOODNESS MY HAND GOT IN FRONT OF THE LENS!
YEAH, IT'S A TREE!
LOOKS LIKE WE OWE YOU AN APOLOGY!
SORRY I DOUBTED YOU!
SHAKE, PAL, YOU ARE ONE OF US AGAIN!
OH, MICKEY, DID I KEEP YOU WAITING TOO LONG?
WHY, THAT FAKER!
TOO LONG? WHY, YOU SHOULD HAVE WAITED A YEAR! OH, HOW'LL I EVER LIVE IT DOWN?
THE END



LOVE THAT LAWN

MICKEY gazed at his father. "But, D-Dad, you don't understand."

"Young man, I understand that you haven't mowed that lawn or trimmed that hedge, or tended to that garden in more than two weeks!" replied his father sternly.

"Honest, Dad, I'll do anything you say, but I can't do it this afternoon. I've got a date with Laury Howland," Mickey said pleadingly.

"Laury Howland will have to wait. Your own father has waited two weeks for you to get around to doing a few simple tasks." Mr. Wright adjusted his glasses and settled back into his easy chair.

Mickey was about to further the discussion when Mr. Wright looked up determinedly. "Michael, if you want money for the country club dance next week, and if you intend using my car as transportation, just see that the lawn is mowed, the hedge trimmed and the garden weeded."

Mickey realized that this was final. His father meant what he said about his allowance and the family car. The situation was desperate. If he didn't see Laury this afternoon, she'd probably get sore as Satan at him. He knew it wouldn't do any good at all to call her on the telephone. Laury was a very popular girl and an excuse like mowing the lawn wouldn't convince her that she wasn't being stood up. And she'd probably break the date they had for the big country club dance next week—*then* where would he be?

Outside, on the porch, he thought for a few minutes, but it all seemed helpless. Every way he turned he was blocked. Mickey shrugged his shoulders. "Might just as well get the lawn mowed out. I've still got an hour before my date with Laury. Maybe *something* will happen."

The lawn was being mowed very unenthusiastically when Jack and Porky Gleason came into view. Jack and Porky were twins whose chief claim to fame was their brilliance in managing to do the least amount of work in the shortest possible time.

"Hi, pals! You wouldn't want to do me a slight favor, fellows, would you?" Mickey asked eagerly.

"Unh-Unh," the twins chorused in unison.

They looked at Mickey leaning despairingly on the handle of the lawn mower. Jack said, "We might *know* someone who would help you. What's your trouble?"

Mickey explained the situation, exaggerating some details to make his plight sound more desperate. "So you see, guys," he concluded, "that's the deal. I'm licked without even having a fighting chance. You wouldn't reconsider. I'd pay you for mowing as soon as I can get some money."

The twins looked at Mickey and then at each other. They shook their heads negatively.

"Michael, my lost lamb," said Porky suddenly, "have you ever read 'Tom Sawyer'—and if not—well, have you?"

"Huh?" said Mickey, puzzled. "What's that got to do with the lawn?"

Jack and Porky shook their heads sadly. "Look, you fugitive from enlightenment—it's like this. Remember the part where that genius, Tom, convinces his friends that there was nothing else he'd rather do than whitewash the fence. He even convinced them to the point where they were paying *him* off. That, my stupid-looking friend, is the key to success and an assured future of not having to do most anything."

"You mean that I should mow the lawn and look real happy about it, and then some eager beaver'll come along, and I can talk him into doing all the work for me?" he asked suspiciously.

"At times you show a very feeble brain supply, Mickey. But that's all we can expect," sighed Porky. "Yes, that's the only solution. And we know that it works!" he added significantly.

"Okay, I'll try it, but I want you fellows to stick around. I don't have much time and I may need some advice." Mickey started to push the lawn mower.

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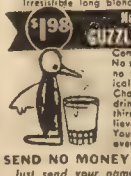

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The twins seated themselves on the edge of the lawn. "Hey, Mickey. Make that smile look real. It's sickly from here," shouted Porky.

"Try whistling. And make it peppy. Square your shoulders," added Jack.

"Boy, if I weren't in such a mess, I'd . . ." Mickey glared at the twins.

"Ifs and buts don't carry much weight, and . . . watch it! Here comes Ted Jackson."

Mickey burst out in song. He danced a jig as he pushed the lawn mower.

"Hi there, Teddy, old man!" Mickey waved his hand at Ted.

"What's his trouble?" asked Ted with a bewildered look.

"No trouble, Ted," shouted Mickey loudly. "I just happen to be doing the work I love. That's all. There's something about cutting the sweet green grass in the beautiful sunlight . . . When I finish this, I'm going to trim the hedge. Yessir. But I'm saving the *best* for last. Dad said if I wanted to, I could weed the garden. Maybe I'm not the happiest boy in town today. Yessir." Mickey danced around the lawn, singing all the while.

"Why don't you wait till the sun's gone down a bit, Mike? Take it easy. After all, the lawn will be here tomorrow," Ted replied.

"That's what we told him," said Jack. "But he loves to do it. He wouldn't let us come near him. Porky asked if he could mow just a little patch—golly! I thought he'd have a fit. And when I asked if I could pick just a few weeds—well I won't even describe what happened then." Jack shook his head wisely.

"You ask him, Ted," said Porky. "Maybe he likes you better than he does us."

"Well, gee, do you think he'd let me? I don't want him to think that I'm butting in," said Ted.

"All I know is that I'd give my two weeks' allowance if he'd let me put my hands on the lawn mower. And don't think I didn't *offer* two weeks allowance. But, you know how it is!" Porky sighed.

"Sure . . . er . . . I know how it is," said a very confused Ted.

"Say, Mickey. Wouldn't you like to rest a few minutes. How about giving me a turn at that lawn mower?" Ted asked anxiously.

At a warning signal from the twins, Mickey shook his head violently. "Me . . . REST?? No sir. Nothing could make me stop now." He pushed the mower with renewed energy.

"Well, if that's the way you feel about it . . . okay." Ted shrugged his shoulders.

Mickey looked at his watch. "Gee, Ted, I hate to disappoint an old friend."

"Never mind. I wouldn't want to deprive you of doing something you obviously love so well," Ted answered.

Mickey shoved the handle of the lawn mower into Ted's hands.

"Here, Buddy!" he said dramatically.

"Now, wait a minute. I don't . . ." Ted put the lawn mower back in Mickey's hands.

"Ted, because I like you, I'll give *you* two weeks' allowance—if, after you've mowed the lawn, you realize that there's nothing else you'd rather do than weed the garden. I'm making quite a sacrifice, but—aren't we buddies?" Mickey was already on his way down the street.

The twins smiled at a deed well done. They picked themselves up and said to Ted, "Do you really know how lucky you are? He's giving you two weeks allowance—sometime."

Ted just scratched his head, and wondered what was exciting about the lawn.

As Mickey sped toward Laury's house he figured that it would be three months before he could get around to paying Ted. He also figured that it would take some terrific explaining to his father as to why the hedge wasn't trimmed. He felt that if he had tried to convince Ted of that too,—well there wouldn't be much hope.

Laury was sitting in the garden, looking cool and comfortable. "You're ten minutes late, Mickey. But that's all right . . . I have a teensy little favor to ask of you," Laury said—a little too sweetly.

"Sure, anything!" Mickey beamed.

"Would you mind taking these nasty weeds out of our garden?"

Mickey gulped and told himself that if it weren't for that dance . . .

When the back-breaking task was completed, Laury said to an exhausted Mickey, "Since you've been so sweet about the garden, I know you won't mind when I tell you that I won't be here for the dance. Mother's . . . *Mickey, you don't look so well!*"

THE END

GEORGIE
I'LL GET THE POLICE AFTER YOU AND HAVE YOU ALL THROWN INTO JAIL FOR BREAKING MY WINDOW!
THAT I'D LIKE TO SEE!
POLICE DEPARTME
"WHAT'S IN A GAME?"
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WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR, WILL?
THE VOLUNTEER FIREMEN ASKED ME TO PLAY BASE-BALL WITH THEM THIS AFTERNOON! WE'RE PLAYING THE POLICE TEAM! I'M GOING TO PITCH!
WHERE DOES GEORGIE KEEP HIS BASEBALL JUNK? WE HAVE TO BRING OUR OWN EQUIPMENT!
I THINK HE KEEPS EVERYTHING AT THEIR CLUB-HOUSE!
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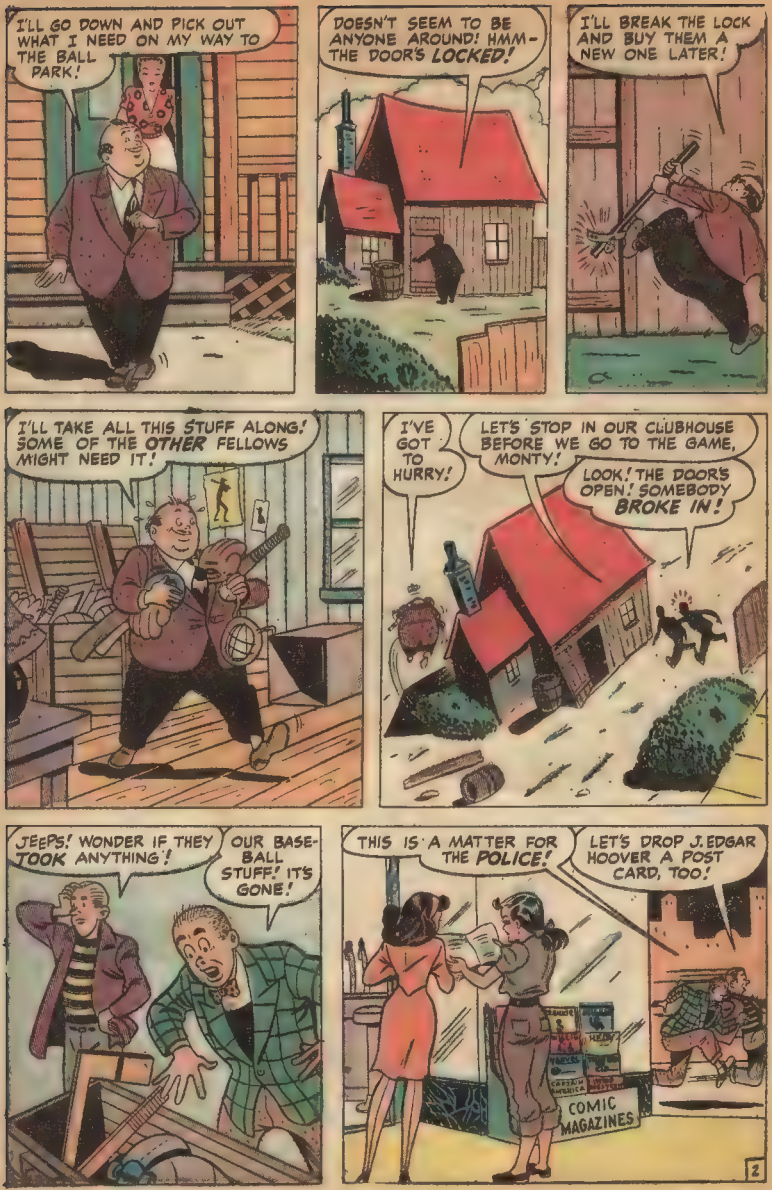
I'LL GO DOWN AND PICK OUT WHAT I NEED ON MY WAY TO THE BALL PARK!
DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYONE AROUND! HMM- THE DOOR'S LOCKED!
I'LL BREAK THE LOCK AND BUY THEM A NEW ONE LATER!
I'LL TAKE ALL THIS STUFF ALONG! SOME OF THE OTHER FELLOWS MIGHT NEED IT!
I'VE GOT TO HURRY!
LET'S STOP IN OUR CLUBHOUSE BEFORE WE GO TO THE GAME, MONTY!
LOOK! THE DOOR'S OPEN! SOMEBODY BROKE IN!
JEEPS! WONDER IF THEY TOOK ANYTHING!
OUR BASE-BALL STUFF! IT'S GONE!
THIS IS A MATTER FOR THE POLICE!
LET'S DROP J. EDGAR HOOVER A POST CARD, TOO!
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DON'T WORRY, BOYS! WE'LL BROADCAST AN ALARM!
CAN WE GET TICKETS TO THE BROADCAST?
CALLING ALL CARS! BE ON LOOKOUT FOR BANDIT CARRYING BASEBALL EQUIPMENT! THAT IS ALL!
LOOK!
SO! IT'S YOU, WILL LAWSON!
SURE, IT'S ME! WHO WERE YOU EXPECTING—JESSE JAMES?
GAD! THIS MAN IS BRAZEN!
WE'LL HAVE TO TAKE YOU IN!
WHA-? HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
GRAB HIM! HE'S DESPERATE!
HERE'S THE BASEBALL CROOK, CHIEF!
WHAT? WILL LAWSON!
YEP! CAUGHT HIM WITH THE GOODS!
LEMME GO!
THAT STUFF BELONGS TO MY SON! I JUST BORROWED IT! THERE'S NO LAW AGAINST THAT!
I KNOW!
WELL, HURRY AND LET ME OUT OF HERE! I'VE GOT TO PITCH IN THE GAME TODAY!
THE GAME! I NEARLY FORGOT!
I'M SORRY, LAWSON, I'VE GOT TO HOLD YOU IN CUSTODY UNTIL THE JUDGE REVIEWS YOUR CASE TONIGHT! LOCK HIM UP, BOYS!
WHAT?
HE'S THEIR STAR PITCHER! IT WON'T HURT TO KEEP HIM ON ICE TILL THE GAME'S OVER!
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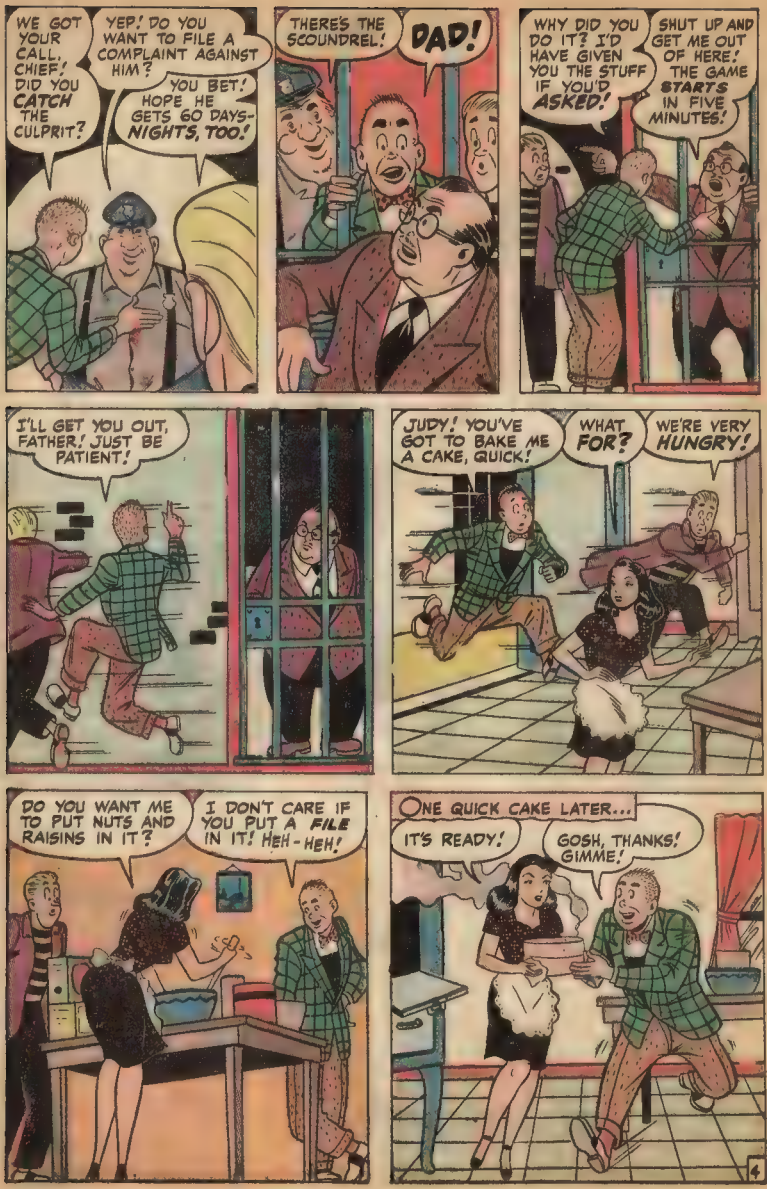
WE GOT YOUR CALL, CHIEF! DID YOU CATCH THE CULPRIT?
YEP! DO YOU WANT TO FILE A COMPLAINT AGAINST HIM?
YOU BET! HOPE HE GETS 60 DAYS-NIGHTS, TOO!
THERE'S THE SCOUNDREL!
DAD!
WHY DID YOU DO IT? I'D HAVE GIVEN YOU THE STUFF IF YOU'D ASKED!
SHUT UP AND GET ME OUT OF HERE! THE GAME STARTS IN FIVE MINUTES!
I'LL GET YOU OUT, FATHER! JUST BE PATIENT!
JUDY! YOU'VE GOT TO BAKE ME A CAKE, QUICK!
WHAT FOR?
WE'RE VERY HUNGRY!
DO YOU WANT ME TO PUT NUTS AND RAISINS IN IT?
I DON'T CARE IF YOU PUT A FILE IN IT! HEH-HEH!
ONE QUICK CAKE LATER...
IT'S READY!
GOSH, THANKS! GIMME!
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WAIT! DON'T YOU WANT ME TO PUT ICING ON IT?
NO, THANKS! I CATCH COLD EASILY!
YOU DON'T MIND IF I BRING DAD A CAKE, DO YOU, SIR?
HE CAN'T STAND BREAD AND WATER, YOU KNOW!
OKAY, I'LL JUST STAND HERE AND WATCH HIM EAT IT!
OH! HOW UNCOUTH!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING UNCOUTHER!
UGH! I CAN'T EAT ANY MORE!
FUNNY, I THOUGHT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A FILE IN IT!
GOLLY! WE FORGOT TO PUT IT IN!
HOW'LL WE GET HIM OUT NOW?
I'D SUGGEST BLOWING UP THE PLACE, BUT I CAN'T STAND NOISE!
YEOWW! MY STOMACH!
THE CAKE!
I'LL CALL AN AMBULANCE!
SECONDS LATER...
PUT ME DOWN— I FEEL ALL RIGHT NOW! THE PAIN IS GONE!
SHUT UP! YOU'RE GIVING ME A PAIN!
PSSST! DAD— CLIMB OUT, QUICK!
5

HOPE WE GET TO THE GAME IN TIME!
HEY! COME BACK! YOU'RE MY PRISONER!
JAIL
HERE I AM, CHARLIE!
AT LAST! MAYBE WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE!
WE LOST THE CHIEF BACK IN THE CROWD!
FIREMEN 2
POLICE 19
F.D. COACH
DAD HURRIEDLY EXPLAINS THE DILEMMA TO THE TEAM CAPTAIN...
LET'S DUCK INTO THE LOCKER ROOM! I HAVE A PLAN!
HOPE IT'S GOOD!
LOCKER ROOM
LATER...
I'LL TELL HIM YOU'RE A VISITING FIREMAN!
HURRY, THE EIGHTH INNING IS STARTING!
FIREMEN
THE NEW PITCHER—JOHN ARSON OF THE PLAINVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT!
HE LOOKS FAMILIAR!
STRIKE TAAA-REE! YER OUT!
WHEE! THAT'S HIS SECOND STRIKEOUT IN A ROW!
ZIP!
THAT NEW GUY IS A WHIZ! IF WE DON'T STOP HIM WE'LL LOSE!
WHERE HAVE I SEEN HIM BEFORE?
FIREMEN 18
POLICE 19
C'MON, DAD! SOCK A HOMER!
YEAH, COME ON, MR. LAWSON!
WHAT? DAD?
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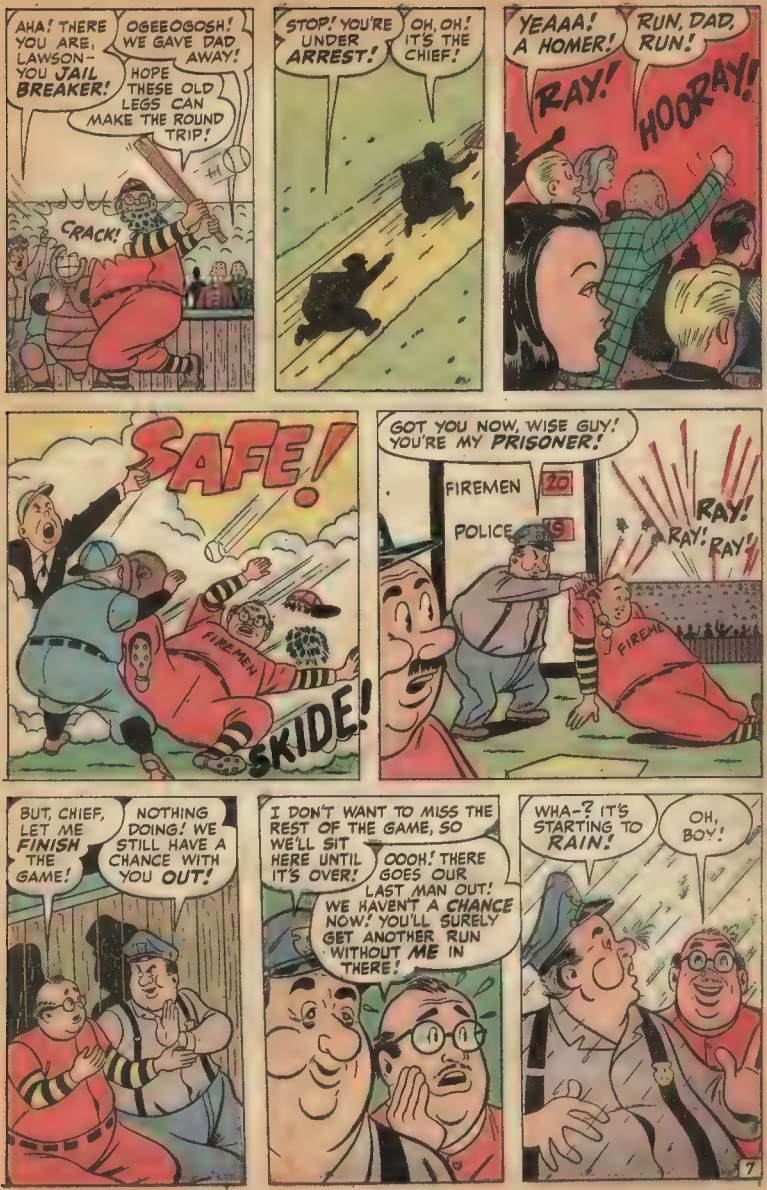
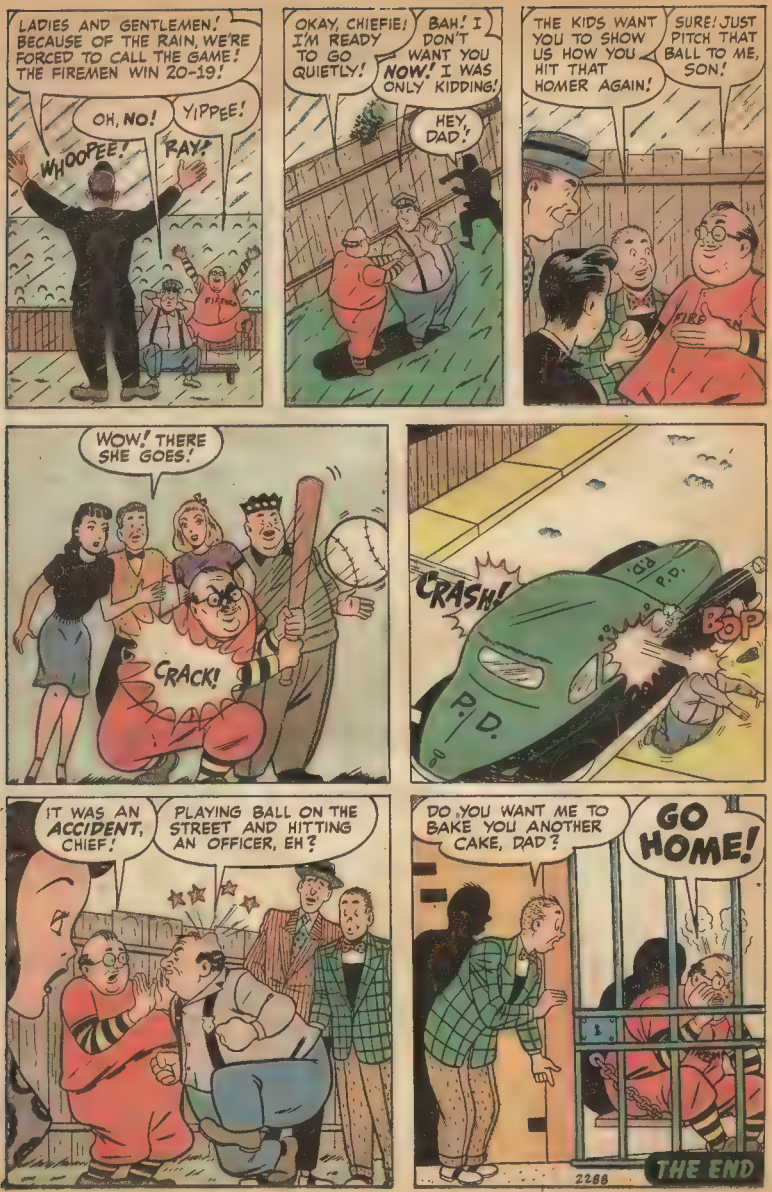

AHA! THERE YOU ARE, LAWSON--YOU JAIL BREAKER!
OGEEOGOSH! WE GAVE DAD AWAY!
HOPE THESE OLD LEGS CAN MAKE THE ROUND TRIP!
CRACK!
STOP! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
OH, OH! IT'S THE CHIEF!
YEAAA! A HOMER!
RUN, DAD, RUN!
RAY!
HOORAY!
SAFE!
FIREMEN
SKIDE!
GOT YOU NOW, WISE GUY! YOU'RE MY PRISONER!
FIREMEN
20
POLICE
19
RAY!
RAY!
RAY!
FIREMEN
BUT, CHIEF, LET ME FINISH THE GAME!
NOTHING DOING! WE STILL HAVE A CHANCE WITH YOU OUT!
I DON'T WANT TO MISS THE REST OF THE GAME, SO WE'LL SIT HERE UNTIL IT'S OVER!
OOOH! THERE GOES OUR LAST MAN OUT! WE HAVEN'T A CHANCE NOW! YOU'LL SURELY GET ANOTHER RUN WITHOUT ME IN THERE!
WHA-? IT'S STARTING TO RAIN!
OH, BOY!


LADIES AND GENTLEMEN! BECAUSE OF THE RAIN, WE'RE FORCED TO CALL THE GAME! THE FIREMEN WIN 20-19!
OH, NO!
YIPPEE!
WHOOPEE!
RAY!
FIRE
OKAY, CHIEFIE! I'M READY TO GO QUIETLY!
BAH! I DON'T WANT YOU NOW! I WAS ONLY KIDDING!
HEY, DAD!
THE KIDS WANT YOU TO SHOW US HOW YOU HIT THAT HOMER AGAIN!
SURE! JUST PITCH THAT BALL TO ME, SON!
FIRE
WOW! THERE SHE GOES!
CRACK!
CRASH!
P.D.
BOP
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, CHIEF!
PLAYING BALL ON THE STREET AND HITTING AN OFFICER, EH?
DO YOU WANT ME TO BAKE YOU ANOTHER CAKE, DAD?
GO HOME!
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THE END

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EXERCISE?
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YES, GET OUT AND GET SOME EXERCISE, AND YOU'LL FEEL FIT IN NO TIME!
DON'T YOU THINK A REST- A VACATION WOULD BE BETTER?
NONSENSE! EXERCISE! EXERCISE! EXERCISE!
WHAT A HORRIBLE WORD!
OKAY! OKAY! OKAY!
OH WELL, I GUESS I CAN TAKE UP CHECKERS-OR EVEN PING-PONG!
AT HOME...
SO HE SAID I NEED EXERCISE!
WELL, YOU CAN GO BOWLING WITH CHUCK AND ME!
AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE GOING TO DO IT! I'LL GO ALONG TO MAKE SURE!
BOWLING? BUT I'VE NEVER BOWLED BEFORE! AND BESIDES, IT SOUNDS LIKE EXERCISE!
HONK! HONK!
THERE'S CHUCK NOW! LET'S GO!
B-BUT!
NO ARGUING! GET MOVING!
Y-YES, DEAR!

MINUTES LATER...
I THINK I SHOULD HAVE TAKEN MY CAR!
DON'T WORRY, MR. SMITH! "OLD LENA" MIGHT BOUNCE A BIT, BUT SHE GETS US THERE!
BUT...
OH, OH, I GUESS WE NEED A PUSH!
SPUTTER SPUTTER PFFT!
SO...
ONLY TWO MORE BLOCKS, DAD!
GROAN!
FINALLY...
YOUR FATHER JUST COLLAPSED!
THAT'S O.K., MOM! WE'RE HERE!
BAM!
WHEW!
COME ON, DAD! LET'S SEE YOU BOWL!
WHAT DO I DO WITH IT?
WHAT DO YOU DO? HA, HA! WHY YOU KICK IT LIKE A FOOTBALL, COURSE
BOYNG!
EEYOW!
BUT, DAD, I THOUGHT YOU KNEW I WAS KIDDING!
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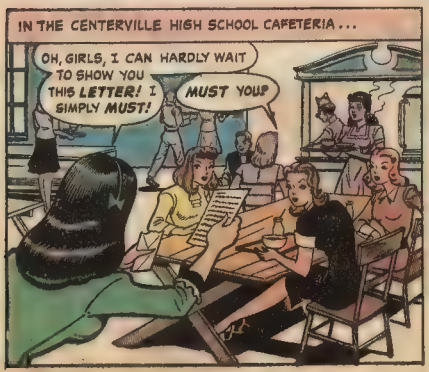
MOTHER'S TURN...
I BELIEVE I CAN DO BETTER THAN YOUR DAD! BUT THIS BALL IS QUITE HEAVY!
IT'S THE LIGHTEST OF ALL, MOM!
THE IDEA IS TO KNOCK DOWN AS MANY OF THESE PINS AS YOU CAN!
THEY'RE PRETTY FAR AWAY!
WHAM!
CRASH!
OH, N-N-NO!
I DON'T THINK I'LL BE ANY GOOD AT THIS GAME! I CAN'T THROW IT THAT FAR!
OKAY! PAY UP!
Y-YES, S-SIR!
BANK BALANCE
C'MON, GET IT UP!
GULP!
LATER...
GLEEM...
NOW THAT YOU'VE SEEN US BOWL, WHY DON'T YOU TRY AGAIN, MR. SMITH?
YES, DAD, COME ON! SNAP OUT OF IT!
4

MAYBE YOU'RE RIGHT! I FEEL LIKE KNOCKING DOWN SOMETHING!
WATCH THIS!
ZOOM
OLIVER, THAT WAS MAGNIFICENT! YOU THREW THAT BIG BALL DOWN THAT NARROW ALLEY...
SWISH!
...WITHOUT HITTING A SINGLE ONE OF THOSE WOODEN CLUBS!
I WONDER IF THE FOREIGN LEGION IS STILL ACCEPTING ENLISTMENTS!
LATER...
WHAT'S THE MATTER NOW?
THE PIN BOY JUST QUIT! HE SAYS HE'S TIRED OF CHASING THE BALL INTO THE OTHER ALLEYS!
WELL, WELL, I GUESS WE'LL HAVE TO CALL IT A NIGHT! HA! HA!
NO, WE WON'T!
ONE OF US WILL HAVE TO SET UP THE PINS!
BUT WHO?
WELL, WHO DO YOU THINK?
ULP!
5

SO...
ANYWAY CINDY, YOU'RE MAKING IT EASY FOR YOUR DAD THROWING THOSE GUTTER BALLS!
WATCH THIS ONE!
RIGHT DOWN THE MIDDLE!
KAWAM!
ELEVEN ON THAT LAST BALL!
BUT, CINDY, THE MOST YOU CAN GET ON ONE BALL IS TEN!
BUT I SWEAR I CAN COUNT ELEVEN PINS!
TWEET! TWEET!
WEEKS LATER...
YES, I THINK WE CAN TAKE THE SPLINTS OFF AND THROW THE CRUTCH AWAY! NOW YOU'LL BE ABLE TO EXERCISE AGAIN!
WHAT?
I DON'T THINK THE DOCTOR SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT!
DID YOU SAY EXERCISE?
YES! W-WHAT'S THE MATTER, MR. SMITH? YOU L-LOOK SO S-S-STRANGE! NO! NO! P-PLEASE!
CRASH! BAM! BIFF! SOCK! BOP! WAM!
WELL, ANYWAY, DAD IS GETTING HIS EXERCISE!
COME BACK HERE, YOU COWARD!
HELP!
THE END

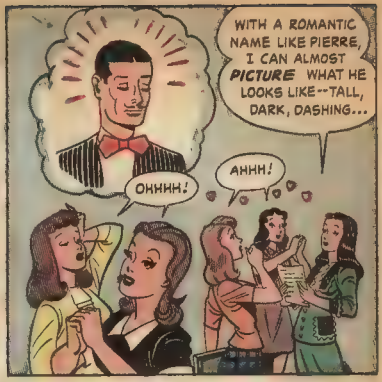
PATSY WALKER

EVER SINCE HEDY FOUND OUT THAT SOMEONE IS VISITING HER FROM FRANCE SHE'S BEEN DRESSING LIKE THE FRENCH DO!
FOR HER SAKE, I'M GLAD HE'S NOT COMING FROM ICELAND!
"PARLEY-VOUS TOO?"



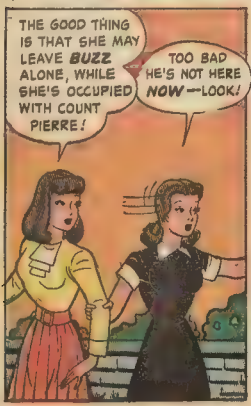
I MUST EXPLAIN THAT IT'S FROM FRANCE AND PART OF IT IS IN FRENCH!
UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU FLUNKED FRENCH LAST YEAR! SHALL I TRANSLATE FOR YOU?
STOP INTERRUPTING, RUDE RODENT!
READ IT, HEDY!
AND I WAS ONLY TRYING TO BE HELPFUL!
MA CHÈRE HEDY...
THE BELL!
WE'D BETTER DASH!
BONG!
SEE YOU ALL AFTER SCHOOL!
THERE MUST BE SOMETHING SPECIAL TO FLAUNT OR SHE WOULDN'T BE SO ANXIOUS!
HOW RIGHT YOU ARE!
AFTER SCHOOL...
JUST GATHER 'ROUND AND LEND AN EAR!
ISN'T THIS EXCITING? A LETTER FROM FRANCE!
LET'S JOIN THE HAPPY THRONG AND SEE WHAT GIVES!
IT'S FROM MY AUNT IN FRANCE AND OBVIOUSLY A LETTER OF INTRODUCTION! HERE'S THE INTERESTING PART -- "PIERRE WILL BE WITH YOU SHORTLY! THINGS HAVE BEEN SO DIFFICULT, THAT WILL BE BEST!"

WHO'S PIERRE?
FRANKLY, I DON'T KNOW, BUT HE'S PROBABLY ROYALTY OF SOME KIND! MY FAMILY KNOW ONLY THE BEST PEOPLE!


WITH A ROMANTIC NAME LIKE PIERRE, I CAN ALMOST PICTURE WHAT HE LOOKS LIKE--TALL, DARK, DASHING...
OHHHH!
AHHH!

HE MIGHT BE A COUNT!
DO YOU THINK WE'LL ALL MEET HIM?
WHEN IS HE COMING?
ONE AT A TIME--PLEASE!

THERE WILL BE NO TALKING TO HEDY NOW!
HE SHOULD BE HERE ANY DAY NOW! I'LL LET YOU KNOW, SO HE CAN BE PROPERLY WELCOMED!


THE GOOD THING IS THAT SHE MAY LEAVE BUZZ ALONE, WHILE SHE'S OCCUPIED WITH COUNT PIERRE!
TOO BAD HE'S NOT HERE NOW--LOOK!

OHH, BUZZ, YOU'RE JUST THE ONE I WANT TO SEE! I NEED HELP ON THE MAN'S ANGLE OF HOW TO WELCOME A STRANGER!
WHEN IT COMES TO ANGLES, HEDY KNOWS THEM ALL!

THAT NIGHT...
--AND I WONDER WHAT THIS PIERRE WILL BE LIKE! IT SOUNDS SIMPLY INTRIGUING! WILL I MEET HIM?

AND SO, PLEASANT DREAMS...
WELCOME TO CENTERVILLE, PIERRE!
MERCI, MADEMOISELLE!
CENTERVILLE
AHHH, SOOO BELLE, SOOO BEEUTIFOOL! I MUST MEET HER!
BON JOUR, MOST LOVELY ONE! I AM PIERRE!
OH, PIERRE!
PATSY, HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN OUR DATE?
WHO IS THEES MAN?
WELL!
CLANG! CLANG!

PATSY, GET UP! IT'S ALL OVER TOWN! HE'LL BE HERE TODAY!
PIERRE!
I'VE HEARD SHE ARRANGED FOR A BRASS BAND TO MEET THE TRAIN!
IF HE'S ANYTHING LIKE I DREAMED, HE DESERVES ONE!
WELCOME
I CAN HARDLY HEAR YOU! IF YOU SAID "PIERRE," WE ALL SURE KNOW HIM! HE'S IN A SPECIAL COMPARTMENT UP FRONT!
HE MUST BE IMPORTANT!
SEE!
HERE YOU ARE! COME ON, PIERRE!
BAGGAGE CAR 10111
GRRR, BOW WOW, WOW!
EEK! PIERRE IS A DOG!
LOOKS LIKE MY DREAM TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE FOR HEDY!
GRRRR! BOW WOW!
THE END
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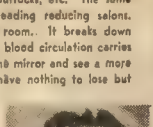

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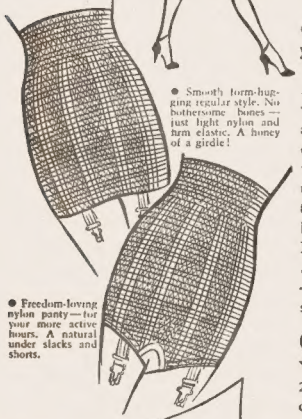

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